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CHMAAG FORMOSA 080814Z CITE MG 6901 REFERENCE FOLLOWING PARAS MINISTER YU TA WEI MSG: PARAS 1, 2, AND 3 CONCUR HIS ESTIMATE AND APPRECIATION. PARA 4. FROM A MILITARY VIEW POINT IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE US PERMIT THE CHINESE TO ATTACK THE CHICOM AIRBASES ON CAREFULLY PLANNED, PREPARED AND COORDINATED BASIS PROVIDED THE THE FOL CRITERIA ARE MET:

(1) NATURE OF THE BUILDUP IS SUCH AS TO INDICATE THEIR EARLY EMPLOYMENT AS BASES FOR AN ATTACK AGAINST THE OFF-SHORE ISLANDS AND/OR FORMOSA AND THE PESCADORES.

(2) EXPECTANCY OF REASONABLE DEGREE OF CHINAT SUCCESS AND

(3) POSSIBLE CHICOM RETALIATORY REACTION IS ACCEPTABLE AS CALCULATED RISK. THESE CONSIDERATIONS RECOGNIZE US DESIRES FOR

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THE ABOVE ALSO APPLIES TO PARAS 1, 2, 3, AND 5 OF MAAGS COMMENTS. CONCERNING PARA 4 OF MAAGS COMMENTS, CONSIDER CHINATS ARE CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING BLOCKADE AS SPECIFIED. THEY ARE NOW AUTHORIZED TO ATTACK ENEMY NAVAL AND MERCHANT SHIPPING, HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ACTIVE IN THIS RESPECT DUE TO:

(1) NOT DESIREING TO LOSE OWN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT WITHOUT REPLACEMENT AND

(2) RECOGNITIONS OF US DESIRE TO MAINTAIN STATUS QUO.

I CONSIDER THEY SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO INCREASE THEIR NAVAL AND AIR OPERATIONS AGAINST UNMISTAKABLY ENEMY NAVAL AND MERCHANTS SHIPPING, BUT NOT TO SEIZE OR ATTACK NON-BELIGERENT SHIPS.

RECOMMENDATION. RECOMMEND THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TO PERMIT UNDER RPT UNDER ABOVE CONDITIONS CHINATS TO ATTACK THE AIRFIELDS AT LUCHOW, FOOCHOW AND CHEN HAI (NEAR SWATOW).

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